IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace original Paragraph [0031] with the following amended Paragraph [0031]:

"It can accordingly be seen that the check valve 24 is located at the lowermost extreme end of the root end portion 4b below the reduced diameter section 20 and in case the tap body 1 is sheared-off at the shear plane shown in Figure 1 the check valve 24 remains fully operative on the lowermost portion of the root end portion 4b that remains within the threaded tap aperture of the cylinder. The secondary check valve 24 is spaced at a substantial distance downwardly from the shear plane and is located in the cylinder so that it will not be damaged or otherwise deformed when the tap body 1 is sheared-off along the shear plane. The secondary check valve 24 also remains fully operative if the tap body portion is not sheared-off by external forces exerted to the tap body externally of the cylinder but only deformed by such forces. Moreover, the smaller diameter section 20 on which the secondary check valve 24 is mounted is not in direct contact with the cylinder and is therefore unlikely to be deformed when the threaded section 5 is deformed by large pulling-out forces that may be applied thereto when the tap body main portion 4a is sheared-off or laterally deformed. As the reduced diameter section 20 is not deformed the secondary check valve 24 remains fully effective to tightly close the cylinder aperture. Internal threads 31 within the root end portion 4b below the shear plane shown in Figure 1 allow for connection of an actuating device to the root end portion 4b after shearing-off of the tap main body portion 4a for opening the check valve 24 to allow for emptying of the cylinder."